

## ABSTRACT

## Method of operating a telecommunication system

A method of operating a telecommunication system that enables operation of a mobile telephone at different user rates that are dependent on the instantaneous location, where

- a local fixed station at the user end transmits a first signal of limited range that is received by a mobile telephone that is associated with the fixed station, that is, provided that the mobile telephone is present within the range of the transmission signal, and
  - the mobile telephone transmits, in response to the reception of the first signal, a second signal to a base station of the telecommunication system which switches over to a different user rate in response to the reception of the second signal.

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